

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application Under  
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application: T. TOMARU et al  
Serial No. 09/503,739  
Filed: February 15, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2877  
Examiner: Delma R. Flores Ruiz  
For: SOLID-STATE LASER COMPENSATED FOR  
PUMPING-LIGHT ASTIGMATISM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No.  
09/503,739, filed February 15, 2000, now allowed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer, and  
add new claims 17-25 as follows.

17. (New) A solid-state laser comprising:  
a light source

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